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For: DEVICE FOR THE QUICK CLOSING
AND OPENING OF SMALL LIQUID
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the fees for the above-referenced National Phase filing, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A closing device adaptable to a glass or thermoplastic container comprising a neck closable by a stopper forced into the neck or screwed or clipped or crimped to the side wall of the neck while compressing a seal onto the upper end of the neck, the device consisting of a sleeve comprising an internal channel having an axis of symmetry that opens at one end on a leaktight connection of the closing device to the neck of a container and at the other end in a sliding-contact surface which is a sector of a cylinder or a portion of a sphere, having an